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Eastern Region

WATER DISTRICT 29H – MARSH CREEK
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2023 – 7 P.M.
MARSH VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL - LIBRARY

Call to Order:

Secretary, Dianna Burden, called the meeting to order at 7pm and opened the floor to nominations for Chairman of the 2023 annual meeting. Randy Wheatley nominated Dale Lish and Jill Webster 2nd - no additional nominations were made. None opposed - Dale Lish will be the 2023 Chairman.

Attendance: See attached sign-in sheet.

Nominations for Secretary: Randy Wheatley nominated Dianna Burden, Steve East seconded, no one opposed. Dianna Burden will be the secretary.

Approval of Minutes: Steve East made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Jo Deana Dunn seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved as read.

Watermaster Report: Kristin Evans said there are 283 Water Rights in District 29H. Steve Visosky helped create a spreadsheet with all water users, priority dates and it is organized by source. There are roughly 128 users and roughly ½ were curtailed. 14 users leased tribal water. The total volume (AF) of water delivered in the district was 7,609.62 AF. She said Walker creek continues to use a lot of the budget. Kristin will continue collecting on the past due accounts. Kristin said if users irrigate out of priority or do not pay your assessment, diversions will be locked. Kristin reminded everyone it is important to go on-line daily or weekly and check priority dates to ensure you are not irrigating out of priority with Snake River. *The full watermaster's report can be viewed on IDWR's website.* Doug Johnson made a motion to accept the watermaster's report. Allen Kay seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer Report: Dianna Burden stated the 2022 budget was \$28K and the district collected \$27.6K. The district spent \$18.3K. The difference was attributable to watermaster's wages, mileage and related expenses. The budget included 800 hours at \$20 per hour and Kristin used 541.6 hours. The district received assistance from IDWR and they did not charge our district for the extra time and services. As of today, we have \$17,026 in the checking account. Accounts receivable are \$2,083. Kristin contacted past due users over the past couple of weeks. Wade Egan made the motion to accept the financial report. Cory Webster seconded. All were in favor.

Recommendation: Chairman Lish said that the advisory committee recommends that Dianna receive an additional \$1K from the prior budget surplus. Dianna took on some additional work to keep district going, due to Kristin's health problems. Steve East made a motion to pay Dianna \$1K. Chris Redman seconded. All were in favor.

Proposed Budget: Dianna Burden presented the proposed 2023 Watermaster's Budget. The recommendation is to keep the budget at \$28K, assessments will be based on \$25K and \$3K will be used from the cash in the bank. It is proposed to move \$100 from field supplies to office supplies. The total expenses will remain the same at \$28K. Wade Egan made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Corey Webster seconded. No one opposed. The 2023 budget passed.

Nominations for watermaster: Steve East nominated Kristin Evans; Doug Johnson seconded. Chairman Lish asked if there were any additional nominations. Harold Anthony nominated Bryan Stanger and Rhonda Anthony seconded the nomination. Randy Wheatly motioned to cease nominations and Mark McQueen seconded. All were in favor.

Nominees were asked to give their qualifications: Bryan Stanger said he was raised here, lives in Chesterfield, has studied ground water and completed his own adjudication. Shawn Davis asked when his mileage would start? He said when he arrived to the area. Chairman Lish confirmed it would be the district's boundary and Bryan said yes.

Kristin was asked about her absence early in the season and if everything was resolved. She said yes, that she had four (4) surgeries before the season started and that was too much for her. She is fine now, loves her job and working the water users in District 29H and knows what she needs to do.

Cory Webster made a motion for a silent vote and Doug Johnson seconded. All were in favor. Question: How many votes are each user allowed? Steve Visosky said it can be one per person or if requested it can be based on assessment. This district uses a five-year average; however, they do not have 5 years of measuring yet. Chris Redman made a motion to use the 2021 assessments. Lori Davis seconded. All were in favor.

Chairman Lish selected a credentials committee to count the votes. Jared Adamson Randy Morris, Steve Visosky and Dianna Burden. The votes were tallied and Kristin Evans will be the watermaster for 2023.

Nominations for treasurer: Doug Johnson nominated Dianna Burden. Cory Webster seconded. JoDeana Dunn called to cease nominations and Chris Redman seconded. Nominations closed. No one opposed the nomination. Dianna Burden will be the 2023 treasurer.

Chairman Lish said that all five advisory committee positions were open: One (1) small user, one (1) municipal or non-irrigation user and three (3) larger users.

Nominations for the small user: Randy Wheatley nominated Kathy Seigel; Doug Johnson seconded. Wade Egan called to cease nominations and Chris Redman seconded. Nominations closed. All were in favor. Kathy Spiegel will represent the 2023 small users.

Nominations for the municipal position: John Hyde nominated Tony Handcock. Lynn Bastian seconded. Chris Redman called to cease nominations and Wade Egan seconded. Nominations closed. No one opposed the nomination. Tony Handcock, City of Downey, will represent the municipal users.

Nominations for the first large user position: Wade Egan nominated Shawn Davis. Robert Barns seconded. Randy Wheatley called to cease nominations and Cory Webster seconded. Nominations closed. No one opposed the nomination. Shawn Davis, NF Ranch, will represent the large users.

Nominations for the second large user position: Steve East nominated Dale Lish. Wade Egan seconded. Jo Deana Dunn called to cease nominations and Chris Redman seconded. Nominations closed. No one opposed the nomination. Dale Lish, Marsh Center Farms, will represent the large users.

Nominations for the third large user position: Doug Johnson nominated Randy Wheatley. Wade Egan seconded. Allen Kay called to cease nominations and Wade Egan seconded. Nominations closed. No one opposed the nomination. Randy Wheatley, Meadowbrook Ranch, will represent the large users.

Proposed Resolutions: Chairman Lish covered the new sections for the Advisory Committee, watermaster's assistant and tracking and reporting of mitigation water. Doug Johnson made a motion to approve the 2023 proposed Resolutions. Chris Redman seconded. No one opposed. The 2023 Resolutions passed.

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IDWR Update: Steve Visosky said that as of three (3) days ago, the snow water equivalent (SWE) was at 166% of the medium (30-year average) for this time of year. Steve said the IDWR is preparing for ground water meetings in Basin 29. They have started measuring ground water levels in the basin. If you have or know someone that will allow IDWR to measure, please let him know. It does not need to be a working well. He said that IDWR is Conjunctively managing ground water and surface water all around Basin 29.

Randy Morris asked if 1st in right, 1st in time is different for ground and surface water users? Steve said, no, if you are being injured regardless of the source, IDWR will do what they can. Randy Morris said the senior surface users in Basin 29 are being harmed by the junior ground water users. Randy suggested water district 29H write a letter stating that Basin 29 senior surface users are being harmed by junior ground water users and curtailment should be ceased until ground water and surface water are conjunctively managed.

Randy Wheatley explained the advisory committee role and gave an update on the meetings he and Dales Lish were a party to. Randy said that 80% of our users in district 29H are shut-off and the district needs and wants a voice in the negotiations. He stated that according to The Constitution of the State of Idaho, Article 15 "they" have a duty to represent us.

Chris Redman made a motion to allow the Advisory Committee to represent us and our water rights. To contact other Advisory Committees, any and all users of the Upper Snake River and tributaries and to have discussions with them about joining together to form a Collation or legal entity. Wade Eagan seconded. All were in favor.

Randy said the advisory committee would give quarterly updates.

Adjourn: Doug Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Chris Redman seconded. No one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Minutes taken by:



Dianna Burden, Secretary

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Annual Water District Meeting Checklist

Water district annual meetings must address certain topics. The checklist below will help ensure each water district is addressing the necessary topics during the annual meeting. Please return this completed checklist to the appropriate IDWR regional office along with the adopted budget, resolutions, and annual meeting minutes.

Water District Number and Name:

2941 - Marsh Creek

Meeting Date, Time and Location:

January 12 @ 7 pm - Marsh Valley Middle School

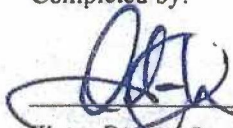
- ☒ Election of meeting chairman and secretary (*chairman facilitates meeting and secretary must record meeting minutes and submit to IDWR within 5 business days following the meeting*)
- ☒ Read and approve previous year annual meeting minutes
- ☒ Watermaster report and presentation of proposed budget
- ☒ Treasurer financial report
- ☒ Adopt budget (*must be submitted to IDWR immediately following the meeting*)
- ☒ Elect watermaster*
- ☐ Elect assistant watermaster(s) (optional)
- ☒ Elect water district treasurer*
- ☒ Select an advisory committee (optional)
- ☐ Adopt resolutions (*must be submitted to IDWR immediately following the meeting*)
- ☒ Determine next year's meeting date, time and location

Date 1/11/24 Time 7:00 pm Location Marsh Valley Middle School

* An oath is required before the first year of service.

By signing below I verify that all required actions have been addressed at the water district annual meeting.

Completed by:



Water District Representative / Title

Advisory Committee (Lange-Frydman)

Date

1/12/2023